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Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Deputy Director General (DG) for Economic Affairs Irit Ben Abba told EconCouns on April 30 that the MFA was reluctant to vote on Kosovo's application to join the World Bank and IMF since Israel does not recognize Kosovo and does not want to appear to give the appearance of recognizing it. However, later in the day, she notified him that Israel would participate in the vote by mailing in an abstention. Michal Finkelstein, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Finance DG, also confirmed this in a telcom with EconCouns.

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